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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
) Group Art Unit 3635
Robert Long, Sr.)
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Serial No. 10/700,159) Examiner: William V. Gilbert
Filed: November 3, 2003)
For: Sinuous Composite Connector System)

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Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §137 on the ground that the entire delay and subsequent abandonment of the above-identified application was unintentional. The application is being revived to allow for the submission of a reply to the outstanding office action mailed July 24, 2007. Applicant's earlier Petition for Revival was dismissed for failure to include the appropriate fee. A Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee are now being submitted. The Reply was submitted at the time of the Petition for Revival.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that this petition be granted and that the application be reinstated.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 11/17/08

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Instruction Sheet for RCEs

(not to be submitted to the USPTO)

NOTES:

An RCE is not a new application, and filing an RCE will not result in an application being accorded a new filing date.

Filing Qualifications:

The application must be a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. The application cannot be a provisional application, a utility or plant application filed before June 8, 1995, a design application, or a patent under reexamination. See 37 CFR 1.114(e).

Filing Requirements:

Prosecution in the application must be closed. Prosecution is closed if the application is under appeal, or the last Office action is a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., an Office action under *Ex parte Quayle*). See 37 CFR 1.114(b).

A submission and a fee are required at the time the RCE is filed. If reply to an Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding (e.g., the application is under final rejection), the submission must meet the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111. If there is no outstanding Office action, the submission can be an information disclosure statement, an amendment, new arguments, or new evidence. See 37 CFR 1.114(c). The submission may be a previously filed amendment (e.g., an amendment after final rejection).

WARNINGS:

Request for Suspension of Action:

All RCE filing requirements must be met before suspension of action is granted. A request for a suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(c) does not satisfy the submission requirement and does not permit the filing of the required submission to be suspended.

Improper RCE will NOT toll Any Time Period:

Before Appeal - If the RCE is improper (e.g., prosecution in the application is not closed or the submission or fee has not been filed) and the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the last Office action will continue to run and the application will be abandoned after the statutory time period has expired if a reply to the Office action is not timely filed. No additional time will be given to correct the improper RCE.

Under Appeal - If the RCE is improper (e.g., the submission or the fee has not been filed) and the application is under appeal, the improper RCE is effective to withdraw the appeal. Withdrawal of the appeal results in the allowance or abandonment of the application depending on the status of the claims. If there are no allowed claims, the application is abandoned. If there is at least one allowed claim, the application will be passed to issue on the allowed claim(s). See MPEP 1215.01.

See MPEP 706.07(h) for further information on the RCE practice.